

Funding is Part of the Stimulus Bill Recently Passed by Congress

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Charlie Melancon (LA-03) announced today that towns and parishes in the Third Congressional District will receive \$2,256,870 in federal grants to support law enforcement and improve the criminal justice system in their communities. The grants were authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the economic stimulus bill, to help state and local governments prevent budget cuts to their law enforcement programs. Rep. Melancon was the only member of the House of Representatives from Louisiana to vote in support of the bill.

"Our local law enforcement officers in south Louisiana are the critical first responders during emergencies and disasters, and they deserve our strong support," said Rep. Melancon. "These grants will provide law enforcement in our towns and parishes with additional resources to help them fight crime and make our communities safer places to live and raise a family."

The grants are administered through the Department of Justice's Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system.

JAG grants were announced today for the following jurisdictions in the Third Congressional District:

Jurisdiction

Allocation

Ascension Parish

\$210,364

Assumption Parish

\$82,414

City of Franklin

\$42,246

City of Gonzales

\$24,759

Town of Gramercy

\$14,890

Iberia Parish

\$95,227

Jefferson Parish

\$1,167,477

Lafourche Parish

\$85,011

City of Morgan City

\$35,667

Plaquemines Parish

\$32,377

St. Bernard Parish

\$76,181

St. Charles Parish

\$67,005

St. James Parish

\$72,026

St. Martin Parish

\$28,741

City of St. Martinville

\$13,159

St. Mary Parish

\$85,531

St. John the Baptist Parish

\$93,841

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (Municipal)

\$172,447

Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Department (County)

\$183,874

Thibodaux City

\$61,638

Total for 3rd Congressional District: \$2,644,875

*Funding allocations for all jurisdictions in Louisiana can be found here:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>. Funding was allocated by
formula, based on each jurisdiction's share of the total violent crime reported within the state.*

JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more of the following programs:

- law enforcement programs;

- prosecution and court programs;
- prevention and education programs;
- corrections and community corrections programs;
- drug treatment programs; and
- planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.

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